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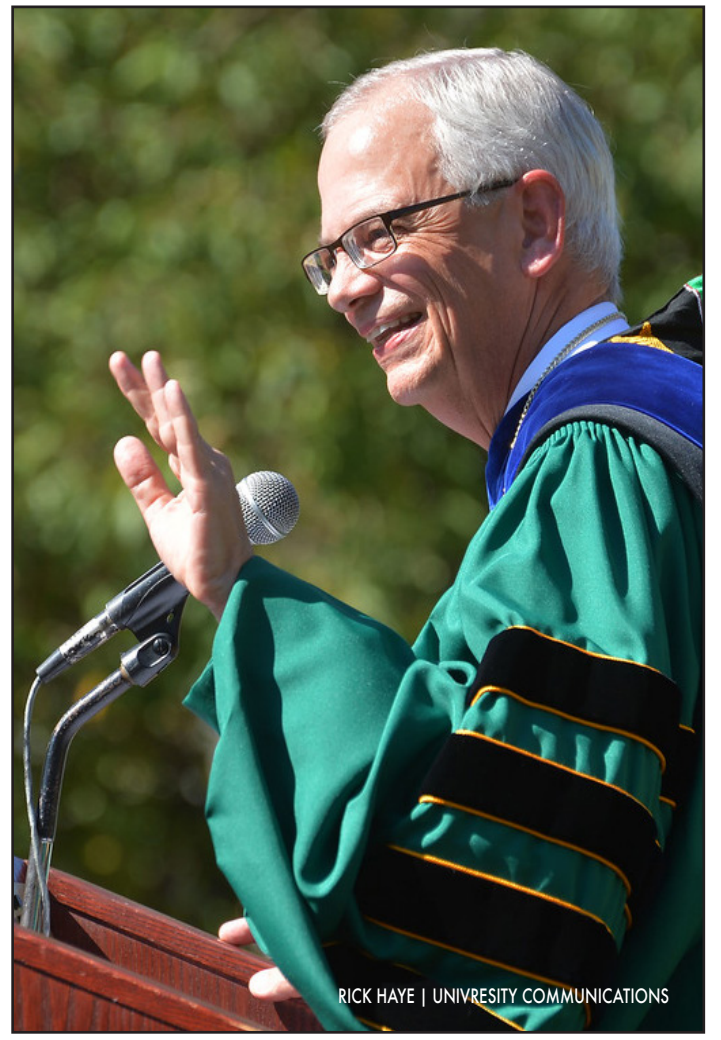
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Family honors late father with medical scholarship

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Dr. Sandy Echols Marshall, a graduate from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and a practicing dermatologist, with her husband Robert, have endowed a scholarship to the Marshall University medical school in memory of her father.

The late William J. Echols, M.D. dedicated his life's work to the advancement of medicine. The scholarship has been established in order to continue his legacy.

"Bob and I have always been grateful to Dad for his encouragement, love and support," Marshall said in a press release. "This scholarship program is a wonderful way to pay it forward and honor Dad and the profession he loved so much."

Echols moved to Huntington in 1970 after serving as a captain in the United States Air Force, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 2005. He was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and earned his medical degree from West Virginia University. He was

a native of Richwood, West Virginia and was a third-generation physician.

The scholarship, known as the William J. Echols, M.D., Memorial Scholarship, is designated for first year medical students.

Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine, said there is a preference given to students from Nicholas County, as that is where William Echols grew up, and second preference is given to students from Cabell County. The reward is also renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

"It's always special when a donor honors a parent through their giving," Holmes said in a press release

The scholarship is particularly special to the School of Medicine because Echols was instrumental in the creation and success of the medical school and also a founding member of the Huntington Internal Medical Group.

"It is great to see alumni honoring their loved ones by giving back to their school," Holmes said.

Ohio House approves 20-week abortion ban

By TOM JENKINS  
THE PARTHENON

Ohio lawmakers have passed what is being called the "Heartbeat Bill." The bill states that a woman cannot get an abortion in the state of Ohio after six weeks of being pregnant. This will be the strictest legislation on abortion to pass in nearly 20 years.

This comes in the wake of the newly elected Donald Trump and the assumption that he will appoint a conservative Supreme Court Justice. With a conservative leaning Supreme Court, Ohio may be able to keep this bill for years to come.

The bill is being called the "Heartbeat Bill" to represent the heartbeat of a fetus. Many conservatives believe this is when the fetus becomes a life and that it is inhumane to kill the fetus at this point. It takes about six weeks to first detect the heartbeat, thus the six-week window to abort a fetus.

Ohio Senate President Keith Faber told reporters Wednesday that he believes with the new political

dynamic of the country, the bill has a strong chance of beating any legal action that may come.

"One, a new President, new Supreme Court justice appointees change the dynamic, and that there was consensus in our caucus to move forward," Faber said. "I think it has a better chance than it did before."

For women, this could be the beginning of change across the country in how states will legislate abortions.

Leah Toliver, director of the Women's Center at Marshall University, tells students who come to her that if they are worried, then they need to utilize their representatives.

"One of the things I tell people is that if they are concerned, then they need to be more vocal and engaged with their representatives," Toliver said. "If you're trying to get more involved, then find political organizations or other organizations that are working toward the efforts that you want to promote."

Toliver said she sees this as a slippery slope, not just



TAMIR KALIFA | AP FILE PHOTO

Abortion rights advocates, left, protest in the State Capitol July 13 as anti-abortion rights supporters pass them in Austin, Texas. Ohio lawmakers have passed what they are calling the "Heartbeat" bill. This will be the strictest legislation on abortion to pass in nearly twenty years.

for pro-choice legislation, but controlling people's healthcare as a whole.

"Personally it concerns me when we start limiting access to healthcare. I want those decisions to be made by a patient and their medical provider," Toliver said.

Pro-life Ohio Governor John Kasich said he believes there are some constitutional issues with the law. He has also

said there are exceptions for abortion when a woman is raped, incest or if the life of the mother is jeopardized.

The bill has been passed on to Kasich and it will be up to him if he will pass or veto the bill. If he waits for longer than 10 days to sign the bill, then it will become law by next year.

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# SPORTS

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> MEN’S BASKETBALL

## Herd return home for meeting with Toledo

*Rockets lead the all-time series 33-21*

By **JAKE GRIFFITH**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Following their second straight loss, the Marshall men’s basketball team returns to the friendly confines of the Cam Henderson Saturday night for a meeting with Toledo Rockets of the Mid-American Conference.

Marshall (5-3) enters the game on a two-game losing streak, returning home after their first extended road trip of the season. The Thundering Herd dropped their last contest 96-85 to the Chattanooga Mocs. Despite the disappointing outcome, head coach Dan D’Antoni has been pleased with the start.

“I see us improving from here,” D’Antoni said. “At this point last year, we were 2-6. Now, we are 5-3 in a real tough schedule. We put this schedule together with that in mind.”

The Herd have faced stiff competition in their non-conference schedule so far this season. Marshall’s opponents to this point have a combined 38-25 record, as the Herd have faced off against teams such as Ohio State, Ohio and Eastern Kentucky, who beat fellow Conference USA school Western Kentucky.

Toledo (4-5) will be equally as tough a matchup for Marshall, as the Rockets

mirror the Thundering Herd in many ways. Led by senior guard Jonathon Williams, the Rockets are barely outside the top-150 in the nation in defensive efficiency, according to kenpom.com. Marshall comes in at 140, while both teams are conceding over 80 points-per-game, meaning the contest has potential to be an offensive showcase, which is right up D’Antoni’s alley. Marshall has cracked 70 points in each of their first eight games this season, the first time a Herd team has done that since the 1995-96 season.

As gifted as they may be, Marshall’s youth has hurt them at time, as young players are forced to learn on the job this season.

“We’re a young team,” D’Antoni said. “We do have Ryan [Taylor], [Austin] Loop and Stevie [Browning], but we’re still having to use Ky’re [Allison] and Phil [Bledsoe]. We’re still young in a lot of ways. It shows up every now and then.”

Marshall is also handcuffed depth-wise. Projected starting point guard CJ Burks is out until at least the second half of the season due to academic ineligibility. Forward Terrance Thompson has also missed the past three games with an undisclosed injury.

“We’re a little bit

discombobulated, because we’re missing Terrence Thompson and C.J. Burks,” D’Antoni said. “They can’t be with us, but they practice with us. We aren’t getting the benefit from that. I feel like we played better, but we had silly mistakes.”

Junior guard Jon Elmore did what he could to negate those mistakes against the Mocs. Elmore poured in 27 points, setting a new career-high in assists, as well, with 12. It marked Elmore’s first double-double since Marshall’s Feb. 20 meeting with Old Dominion. He also extended his double-digit scoring streak to eight games, the longest such streak of his career. Following the loss, D’Antoni was adamant he needed to rest Elmore more, no matter how great he is playing.

“Jon played well,” D’Antoni said. “I have to play him too long. I wish I didn’t. When C.J. returns, that will take a load off...Jon tries to take over games and we need to get him rested, so he doesn’t get exhausted. He played a great game.”

The Herd will be grateful to return home. Marshall is undefeated at home so far this season, boasting a 5-0 record. Saturday’s game tips-off at 7 p.m.

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## WHAT 2 WATCH 4



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> Junior Austin Loop needs three three-pointers to become third all-time in school history

> Loop yet to miss a free-throw this season and has made 19-straight dating back to last season

> Loop has made at least two three-pointers in every game this season

> Marshall has scored at least 70 points in every game this season, the longest streak since the 1995-96 season

> Junior Jon Elmore has scored double-digits in every game this season

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2016

Editorial: That's a wrap

2016 has been a crazy year. America had its first female presidential nominee, it is likely to be the hottest year on record and the worst mass shooting in U.S. history happened in Orlando, Florida. The year was full of ups and downs.

As many Americans noticed, 2016 was an election year. A female, Hillary Clinton, led a major party with her nomination as the Democratic candidate for president. In an unprecedented case, Donald Trump became the Republican nominee for president. Needless to say, it was a strange, but historical election year. Donald Trump is now the president-elect and now we wait to see what happens next.

On June 12, 2016, the worst mass shooting in U.S. history happened in an Orlando gay nightclub called Pulse. A 29-year-old killed 49 people and injured 53 others in an act of hate. This act of violence brought the American people, along with people

all over the world, together to pray for the LGBT community.

The Olympics also happened in Rio de Janeiro this summer. The Olympics started out rough, with many things going wrong with the hotels the athletes were staying in. But, despite all of that, USA came out on top with 121 medals overall.

In January, President Obama declared a state of emergency for Flint, Michigan after two years of not having clean water. Only just recently, as in the last few weeks, did the government approve a \$170 million budget so they could get clean water.

The point of this is major news is constantly happening. People take in and read about it and it's all they can think about for a few days or, if it's something major, for a few weeks. Then it is forgotten about and people move on.

News gets circulated so fast and so much news is produced in one day it

is hard to remember all of it and keep talking about it. However, some news is worth bringing up more than when it is a hot topic.

For example, Brock Turner. He raped an unconscious woman behind a dumpster and spent three months in county jail. Don't ever forget how he was let off easy. Another example, Flint, Michigan. Flint did not have safe, clean drinking water for two years and there is just now something being done about it. How many black lives were taken by police officers and how few of them were prosecuted? That is just a fraction of what has happened in 2016.

Another news problem America has in 2016 is the spread of fake news. Check your sources, America. It is not hard to tell what is real and what is fake. If it is from npr.org, its real; if it's from trumpnews.net, it's fake. If you want a sure-fire way to know you're getting credible news, pick up a newspaper.

Column: From bison to bobcat

By LEXI BROWNING  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

By the time you've picked up this edition, my career with my beloved student newspaper, The Parthenon, has concluded.

After this edition, I'll no longer assemble this publication. I won't design its front pages, hound reporters for stories or spend my evenings in the newsroom.

After three and a half years of undergraduate studies at Marshall University, I will make the transition from bison to bobcat. In August, I will pursue graduate school at Ohio University, one of the nation's most prominent institutions for photojournalism.

In the time I have spent at Marshall, I have taken 200,000 photographs, written more stories than I could possibly track down and designed 45 editions. Much of my life has been intertwined with my various editorial roles in this newspaper, and for that, I am grateful. If anything, I regret not doing enough.

I received my first DSLR — a Nikon D3000 — for Christmas in 2012; prior to that, a two megapixel Kodak Easyshare CX4230. Before that, a hot pink, holographic Barbie 110 film camera.

Like all freshmen searching for an immediate in, I found a potential niche in my college, and I requested to be a staff photographer for The Parthenon.

My first assignment was the 2013 FitFest 5k. As I wandered aimlessly through the crowd with my camera trying to find an event schedule, I befriended another, far more experienced photographer, Marcus, as we waited for the race to begin. He noticed my settings, and assisted me in changing them for fast-paced action.

Last month, he and I celebrated our three-year anniversary together.

I have found my identity as a photojournalist, reporter and leader in this newsroom. As photo editor, I documented West Virginia's first same-sex marriage, Congresswoman Shelley Moore

Capito's election as the first West Virginia female U.S. Senator and photographed President Barack Obama and his substance abuse forum discussion in Charleston, West Virginia.

After serving as the Statehouse Reporter for The Parthenon, I was selected to intern with the state's newspaper, the Charleston Daily Mail. In September, I was selected to serve as a social media team member for NASA's OSIRIS-REx, which will be the first asteroid-sampling mission to launch and return in 2023.

I owe many thanks to those who have had faith in my abilities, particularly to professors Rebecca Johnson, Sandy York and Rob Rabe, Ph.D. Without each of you, I would not be the journalist I am today.

To my parents: thank you for believing in my passion and en-

couraging me to pursue a creative, demanding field. I owe you both everything.

To Marcus, Mikaela, Sam, Hannah, Gin, Emily and Bri, my closest friends: Thank you for encouraging me after every critique and challenging me to see the beauty in the obscure.

In my profession, a lot of concerns have recently emerged regarding restraints on press freedoms under a Trump administration.

As news consumers, I leave you with a few words of advice: it is not only prudent, but necessary that you learn to be your own personal gatekeeper in an age when fake news is perpetuated as often as credible journalism. Be cautious in clicking Facebook articles and check dates on the stories you read. Real journalists are not the enemy of the public, but the protectors. Learn to separate fact from fiction.

It is vital to protect the press and its abilities. I trust that the incoming Parthenon staff will continue to uphold its century-old legacy, provide quality journalism and keep you informed.

This journey has been one hell of a ride, and it has been a great honor to serve you in this capacity. Thanks for tagging along.

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“I have found my identity as a photojournalist, reporter and leader in this newsroom.”

State Editorial: Gun control in West Virginia

Originally published in The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Around a dozen gun murders filled West Virginia news in November.

In Charleston, an aging white man was charged with shooting a 15-year-old black youth to death, then telling police: "That's another piece of trash off the street." The killer was forbidden to have a pistol because he had been convicted of domestic violence.

In Boone County, police say Shane Adkins shot his roommate to death, then fired at police during a long highway chase, then finally killed himself as officers approached.

In McDowell County, Michael Kennedy is charged with entering a home, shooting a teenage boy to death, severely wounding his mother, and stealing items from the house. If the mother lives, she is expected to suffer partial blindness and paralysis.

In Nicholas County, a young man with tattoos on his face and entire body is charged with shooting another young man to death.

In Kanawha County, a grand jury indicted three young men on gun murder charges.

Etc., etc., etc.

The conservative-controlled Legislature overrode a veto by

Gov. Tomblin to let almost anyone carry a loaded pistol, ready to kill, without a permit or safety training. Does this new guns-for-everyone chaos play a role in the rash of murders — or would gun-saturated West Virginia be just as deadly, regardless?

The governor issued a statement Tuesday expressing alarm that the death of the 15-year-old black youth might be related to the wide-open pistols law.

"I have abiding concerns about the consequences of these significant changes to state law, especially the concerns that have been shared with me by law enforcement officers across the state," Tomblin wrote.

In other words, police are worried about the danger of uncontrolled pistol-packing.

Here's another worry: When police approach a person at a traffic stop or any other encounter, apprehension that the person may suddenly open fire could cause some officers to make hair-trigger errors.

Tens of thousands of gun murders are a curse upon West Virginia and America. The Legislature certainly didn't help by opening a floodgate for more hidden pistols.



THUNDER DANCE | from p. 6

“We want this to be bigger and better than ever, so we are asking everyone to participate.” Planning has been about awareness and fundraising. “So far we have had Thunder Week to inform students that Thunder will be happening again this school year, and we have been having some fundraisers at restaurants around the Huntington area,” Chafin said.

The event is creeping up and the Thunder Dance Marathon committee is excited. “I’m most excited for the actual dance marathon because it will be my first one ever,” Chafin said. Although Ellis has done it the past two years, he said, “I am also most excited to participate in the event and to see how much money we can raise for these kids.” A theme that is incorporated throughout the event is “FTK,” or For The Kids. Actual

patients are present at the beginning and end of the day and provide the dancers with a look into their lives. “Thunder Dance Marathon to me means sacrificing 14 hours of my time and standing for the whole thing to help a child possibly live,” Ellis said. “It is hard to do, but seeing those kids makes it so much easier. It is a great experience to be a part of.” Alexis Leach can be contacted at leach34@marshall.edu.

# DiCaprio meets with President-elect Trump on green jobs to boost economy



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DiCaprio and the head of his foundation met Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, with President-elect Donald Trump to discuss how jobs centering on preserving the environment can boost the economy.

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leonardo DiCaprio and the head of his foundation met Wednesday with President-elect Donald Trump to discuss how jobs centered on preserving the environment can boost the economy. In a statement to The Associated Press, Terry Tamminen, the CEO of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, confirmed the meeting at Trump Tower in New York City. Tamminen said the pair gave a presentation to Trump, daughter Ivanka, and other members of Trump's team on how focusing on renewable, clean energy could create millions of jobs.

"Today, we presented the President-elect and his advisors with a framework — which LDF developed in consultation with leading voices in the fields of economics and environmentalism — that details how to unleash a major economic revival across the United States that is centered on investments in sustainable infrastructure," Tamminen said. "Our conversation focused on how to create millions of secure, American jobs in the construction and operation of commercial and residential clean, renewable energy generation. The Oscar-winning actor has been a strong advocate of fighting climate change and

preserving wildlife, and his recent documentary, "Before the Flood," addresses the peril that the world faces because of climate change. DiCaprio previously met with Ivanka Trump and presented her with a copy of the film. The meeting with Trump's team lasted for about 90 minutes. The actor also gave the president-elect a copy of the documentary, and Trump promised to watch it, according to a person who was familiar with the meeting but not authorized to speak publicly. Tamminen, who was secretary of California's Environmental Protection Agency under former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said Trump was receptive and suggested they meet again next month. "We look forward to continuing the conversation with the incoming administration as we work to stop the dangerous march of climate change, while putting millions of people to work at the same time," said Tamminen. The meeting came after word got out Wednesday that Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, a climate-change denier whose policies have helped fossil fuel companies, is expected to be announced as Trump's pick to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.

# Major survey of transgender Americans finds pervasive bias

By DAVID CRARY  
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The largest-ever survey of transgender Americans paints a grim picture of pervasive discrimination and harassment, to the point that many of them attempt suicide at some point. Released on Thursday by the National Center for Transgender Equality, the survey assesses input received in 2015 from 27,715 respondents from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and three U.S. territories. The largest previous transgender survey, conducted by the center and a partner organization in 2008-09, had 6,450 responses. There have been some important gains for transgender rights in the years between the two surveys, but the new survey showed little or no improvement in terms of transgender people's day-to-day experiences with bias. One finding remained virtually unchanged from the earlier survey: 40 percent of the respondents said they had attempted suicide at some point. Researchers have estimated that the overall attempted suicide rate in the U.S. is less than 5 percent. Another notable finding: 59 percent of survey respondents said they avoided using a public restroom in the past year because they were afraid of confrontations or other problems. About one-third said they limited the amount that they ate and drank to avoid using a restroom. "Discrimination and violence threaten transgender people's ability to have even the basics: food, a place to sleep, or a job," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the national center. "This survey demonstrates that there is

a lot of work ahead to achieve simple parity and full equality for transgender people." According to a recent estimate by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, there are about 1.4 million transgender adults in the United States. In the year prior to completing the survey, 46 percent of the respondents reported being verbally harassed and 9 percent said they were physically attacked because of being transgender. Forty-seven percent said they had been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime. The abuse can start before adulthood. Of the respondents who were out or perceived as transgender while in school, 24 percent said they were physically attacked because they were transgender and 13 percent said they were sexually assaulted. Seventeen percent said they left school because of severe mistreatment. The survey found significant economic disparities, with 29 percent of respondents saying they lived in poverty — roughly double the percent of the overall U.S. population. The unemployment rate among the respondents was 15 percent, three times higher than the national rate at the time of survey was conducted. Only 16 percent of the respondents said they owned their own home, compared to 63 percent of adults nationally. And 30 percent of the respondents said they had experienced homelessness at some point. According to the survey, problems of discrimination were particularly high for transgender people of color, those with disabilities, and those living in the U.S. without

legal documentation. More than one-third of the survey respondents identified themselves as "non-binary" — a term used to describe people whose gender identity is not exclusively male or female. Karen Parker, director of the Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office at the National Institutes of Health, hailed the survey as "an unprecedented and comprehensive insight into the experiences of transgender people." In an email, she also said the survey's detailed findings on health care could potentially help ease the barriers that sometimes deter transgender people from obtaining appropriate care. Nearly one-quarter of the respondents to the survey said they did not see a doctor when they needed to because of fear of being mistreated. The report's release comes at a time of uncertainty for transgender Americans. President Barack Obama's administration has taken many steps to expand transgender rights — including some workplace protections and a directive advising public schools to let transgender students use restrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity. Transgender activists fear that some of those initiatives might be slowed or reversed after President-elect Donald Trump takes office. They also are concerned by possible developments at the state level — such as a proposed bill in Texas that would limit transgender people's bathroom access. The Texas proposal is similar to legislation enacted in North Carolina in March that triggered an extensive economic and political backlash.

# Attorney: Dylann Roof's mom had heart attack

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Dylann Roof's mother suffered a heart attack not long after prosecutors described how her son planned a cold and calculated killing of nine black church members in a racially motivated attack, the white man's attorney said in court documents Thursday. Roof's mother collapsed and said "I'm sorry" several times on Wednesday as family members and court security came to help her during the opening of her son's federal death penalty trial. Roof's attorney mentioned the heart attack in court documents asking for a mistrial, saying a survivor's testimony was so emotional that "spectators and even court personnel — including members of the prosecution and defense — were crying with her." The documents didn't give the mother's current condition. Later Thursday, in an eerily silent courtroom, 360-degree

computer images of the crime scene were shown to the jury. The pictures showed the victims lying in pools of blood on the beige tile floor of the fellowship hall at Emanuel AME Church. Most were clustered around circular tables where they had been holding a Bible study. Shell casings and cartridge magazines were scattered around as were Bibles and purses. One of the 15 scans showed a wall poster with the words "Faith, Hope and Love." Several people in a courtroom area for family members of the victims comforted each other while others dabbed tears from their eyes. Roof's attorney David Bruck argued in the motion for the mistrial that Wednesday testimony from shooting survivor Felicia Sanders was inappropriate because it seemed to contain a statement on what Roof's sentence should be. Sanders told jurors about

the horror of seeing her son and her aunt shot to death and sheltering with her granddaughter beneath a table. At one point, she looked across the courtroom toward Roof and called him "evil, evil, evil." Bruck asked her on cross-examination whether she remembered Roof saying anything in the aftermath of the shootings. "He said he was going to kill himself," she said. "I was counting on that. There's no place on Earth for him other than the pit of hell." U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel denied the mistrial request and said he interpreted Sanders' testimony as "a religious comment." He instructed jurors that any decision on guilt or a sentence is up to the jury — not the attorneys or witnesses in the case. Also Thursday, jurors watched surveillance footage of Roof leaving a Charleston church with a gun in his hand. Charleston police Sgt. Dan

English showed the jury more than 20 video clips taken from cameras at the church on June 17, 2015. The clips showed many of the victims and Roof entering the church. Roof is seen leaving the church 52 minutes later, and a final clip taken about 25 minutes after that showed one of the victims carried out on a stretcher. Roof is charged with 33 federal counts, including hate crimes in the case. He sat again Thursday just staring down at the defense table. But instead of the striped prison jumpsuit he had worn during previous court appearances, he was wearing a gray sweater and light-colored slacks. The defense has said Roof is willing to plead guilty if the death penalty is taken off the table. They have made a similar offer in state court where Roof is charged with nine counts of murder and faces another death penalty trial next year.

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Even while “Coloring Book” isn’t my favorite, I can totally understand why it was nominated. It’s a great blend of soulful, religious music and hip hop. It’s as much about the gospel as it is the ins and outs of being

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"Some obstacles are participation," Ellis said. "The more people we have, the better. When someone hears 14-hour dance

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